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Title: METHOD FOR ESTABLISHING AN MPLS DATA  
NETWORK PROTECTION PATHWAY

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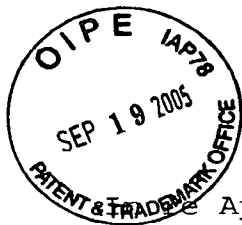
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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S FINAL ACTION

In response to the Final Action mailed July 19, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments and/or comments as set forth below.